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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TECH, JA

SUBJECT: ENRICHMENT TEAM VISIT TO JAPAN

REF: TOKYO 0423

1. FOLLOWING OTSUKA'S AGREEMENT TO VISIT AND CONSEQUENT DISPATCH OF REFTEL, OTSUKA CALLED EMBOFF NIGHT OF JAN. 12 TO REPORT THAT MITI WAS IN DISAGREEMENT WITH PROPOSED DATES OF VISIT, WITH MITI CLAIMING TO HAVE UNDERSTOOD THAT VISIT WOULD OCCUR IN FOLLOWING WEEK. WITH CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT, OTSUKA ASKED FOR RECONSIDERATION OF SCHEDULE, PROPOSING THAT TEAM BE HERE JANUARY 26-27, VICE 19-20.

2. TELCONS TO BENGELSDORF, OES, INDICATE THAT TEAM PREPARED TO ACCEPT OTSUKA PROPOSAL. EMBASSY DEEPLY APPRECIATES THIS ACCOMMODATION AND BELIEVES THAT IT WILL ACT TO FURTHER CEMENT PRESENT CLOSE RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH OTSUKA.

3. OTSUKA PLANS TO CALL EACH PRIVATE INDUSTRY REP WITH WHOM TEAM WISHES TO MEET, IMPRESSING ON THEM NEED TO TREAT VISIT AS CONFIDENTIAL, WITH NO LEAKS TO PRESS. SUGGEST THAT THESE MEETINGS BE HELD ON AFTERNOON AND EVENING OF CONFIDENTIAL

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SECOND DAY. WE ARE ASSUMING THAT TEAM WILL MEET WITH

INDUSTRY REPS IN SEPARATE INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS. ADVISE
IF ASSUMPTION INCORRECT.

4. CHANGE IN DATES WILL RESULT IN SOME COMPLICATIONS DUE
TO PRESENCE OF ERDA SECURITY INSPECTION TEAM IN TOKYO
AT SAME TIME. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT PRIORITY AS FAR AS

EMBASSY AND ERDA REP ARE CONCERNED SHOULD BE GIVEN TO
ENRICHMENT DISCUSSIONS. DEPARTMENT AND ERDA ALSO MAY
BE INTERESTED TO LEARN THAT IAEA INSPECTION GROUP OF FIVE
MEN ARRIVING TOKYO 1/24 FOR TWO WEEK STAY, WITH VISITS
SCHEDULED TO JRR-2, NNF, AND MIHAMA. NAMES GIVEN US BY
OTSUKA ARE NAKICENOVIC, THORSTENSEN, FRITTUN, RAMARHO,
AND ROSE.
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